

## NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND  
NEWS AND GOSSIPNo New Developments in  
West Point Oyster Trouble.

## THE SITUATION EXPLAINED

United States Marshall, Treat Enlightens the Governor—Complaint Against Norfolk County Officials—Illinois Man Wants a Southern Sweetheart—Fine Tobacco—A Long and Perilous Ride.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., March 17.—Governor Tyler heard nothing to-day from West Point, near which place negro oystermen charged with stealing oysters were defying arrest at the hands of the sheriff of New Kent and posse. It was presumed that the Commonwealth's attorneys of New Kent, King and Queen, and King William counties, held the conference as planned, and that matters were probably adjusted. United States Marshall Morgan Treat, whose home is at West Point, had a long conference with Governor Tyler to-day, regarding the situation there. Mr. Treat says there is some question as to the right of Mr. George W. Richardson, of New Kent, to the three acres of oyster ground on which the negroes have been depreeding. It is claimed by the negroes that they have a right to take oysters out of these waters, which are said to cover natural rock. Mr. Treat says the negroes went openly and took the oysters, wishing to make up a test case. It is generally agreed that the men would have been perfectly willing to surrender to officers of King and Queen, the county in which they lived, but that they would not consent to be taken across the river to New Kent for trial. Mr. Treat said there would be no trouble if King and Queen warrants were served. The negroes claim that the King and Queen county officials, the Judge and Commonwealth's attorney told them at the last court to go and take the oysters.

## A GRAVE CHARGE.

Governor Tyler to-day received a letter from George Wilson, of Norfolk county, who claims that his wife, two children and daughter-in-law have been carried off to the small post-house, and that they are not properly treated. He charges that they have not even been given a change of clothing during their confinement. He wants the Governor to have the matter investigated.

## WANTS A SWEETHEART.

The Governor also received to-day a letter from a young man in Illinois, who wants a Southern girl for a sweetheart. He says he is only seventeen years old, and is financially "O. K." He wishes the Governor to send him the address of a Southern girl of the "bluest of blue blood," and who is pretty. The youth says he is looking for trouble. He is very young.

## FINE TOBACCO.

Commissioner Kolmer, of the Department of Agriculture, has received some handsome specimens of Virginia leaf, which are framed, and under glass. One splendid specimen of bright tobacco grown in Pittsylvania county is from a lot which sold for \$40 per hundred pounds. A leaf of dark is from a lot grown in Nottingham, which sold for \$25 per hundred.

"The tobacco crop in Virginia last year sold for \$3,000,000," said Mr. Kolmer. "But wasn't all like that, or Virginia would have first place as a tobacco-growing State. As it is, Kentucky and North Carolina only are ahead of her in the order named."

## A LONG, PERILOUS RIDE.

Wednesday night, George Davis, a small colored boy, chained himself to a ladder attached to the bottom of a sleeper of the Florida Special at St. Augustine. It was hot when he left St. Augustine, but when he reached Richmond this morning he found that the atmosphere was much colder, and when Officer Jake Lange assisted him from the train, he was cold, hungry and sick. George is a small, darky, aged about 12 years. He is a bootblack, but he also rides horses, and went from Cairo to Los Angeles, Cal., for that purpose. The boy went from Los Angeles by easy stages to St. Augustine, and when he got tired of that city, he started on his journey home, with the intention of taking in Richmond on the way. Not caring to ride on a freight, or even on the ordinary train, he concealed himself carefully on a ladder beneath one of the sleepers on the fast-flying "Florida Special," and in order to secure himself against accident he fastened himself with chains, and all during that long ride he remained stretched out on that ladder, without drink, without food and without sleep.

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with the awful shrieking of the train sounding in his ears. The boy was very weak and sick this morning about 7:30 o'clock when Officer Lange released him from his position under the car at the Union Depot and the ambulance, with Dr. Brown in charge, carried him to the Almshouse, where he was given a supply of food to make up for lost time, a good bath, some medicine and put to bed, and the doctor thinks he will be all right in a day or two. He will be kept at the Almshouse until his people are heard from.

## BRIEF MENTION.

The State Board of Fisheries will in a short time have an office in room 28, on the second floor of the State Library building.

The will of Mr. John Howard was admitted to probate this morning in the clerk's office of the Chancery Court, his son, John Howard, Jr., qualifying as executor. The value of the estate is estimated at about \$4,000.

## PETERSBURG

## Electric Railway and Light Properties Change Hands.

Franchise Question—Street Improvements—Episcopal Convocation—Narrow Escape From Drowning—Painfully Injured.

Petersburg, Va., March 17.—Messrs. Augustus Wright and R. H. Wallace, of this city, transferred their controlling interest in the stock of the upper Appomattox Company to Messrs. John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, and Messrs. Middendorf, Oliver & Co., of Baltimore.

The electric light plant of the city also passes to the purchasers.

The price paid for the various properties is said to be somewhere in the neighborhood of half a million dollars or more.

This transfer ensures the speedy building of a large extension to the electric car lines to this city and the development of the valuable water power of the Appomattox river here, and contains the promise of great improvement to the city generally.

Mr. R. Lancaster Williams, of the firm of John L. Williams & Sons, was in the city to-day, and in company with Mr. Haywood, a civil engineer of Baltimore, and Mr. Charles Hall Davis, of this place, drove over the route of the proposed new street electric railway. It is understood that the road will be run west of the city as far as Battersea, and that the tracks will be laid on most of the principal streets.

## QUESTION OF FRANCHISE.

The adjourned meeting of the Common Council last night was very largely attended by Petersburg's most representative citizens to see what action the Council would take in the matter of granting John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, and Middendorf, Oliver & Co., of Baltimore, who are to build a new electric street railway here, the privilege of laying a double track on Sycamore street. The Council was addressed by Mr. R. L. Williams, of John L. Williams & Sons, and Mr. J. P. Haywood, a civil engineer of Baltimore. These two gentlemen explained the routes of the four lines of the proposed railway, the total length of which is to be about nine miles. After considerable discussion the Council voted to postpone further consideration of the matter until Tuesday next.

## STREET IMPROVEMENT.

The question of paving Sycamore street, from Old to Oak streets, with vitrified brick, was considered by the Council, and after much discussion, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the Street Committee shall advertise for bids for paving Sycamore street with granite blocks, vitrified brick, street asphalt and asphalt block.

Several ordinances were presented, which he over for thirty days.

## PETERSBURG EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

The Petersburg Episcopal Convocation will convene April 11th and 12th inclusive, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in this city. The opening sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. B. Capers, of Farmville. Matters in reference to missionary work in this diocese will be discussed and acted upon, and essays on missionary interest read by both clergymen and laymen.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Yesterday afternoon the 5-year-old son of a Mr. Parkinson, who lives on South street, while chasing a kitten accidentally fell into the canal near the Upper Appomattox Company's mill. The child went through the mill sluice gate, fell a distance of nearly twenty feet to the water below and was carried down the stream about two hundred yards, where he was rescued, never dead than alive, by Mr. Leonidas Wells. The little fellow was taken to his home and all known means were employed to revive him until a physician could be secured. Dr. Hains, who happened to be in the neighborhood, was called in, and after working on the case about an hour succeeded in resuscitating the child.

## PAINFULLY INJURED.

Mr. W. A. Anderson met with a painful accident yesterday at the saw and blind factory of Messrs. Earner, Hargrave & Co. He was engaged in ripping out moulding when the piece became caught on the saw and was thrown back with great force, striking him on the left thigh, near the hip. He was taken to his home, where his injuries, which are quite severe, though not dangerous, were attended to.

## COURT ITEMS.

The March term of the Hustings Court, Judge J. M. Mullen presiding, opened yesterday. The only presentment found by the grand jury was that against Peter Christian, colored, for breaking into the store house of W. D. Tucker on Halifax street.

Munroe Parham, colored, charged with highway robbery, was convicted of petit larceny and given six months in jail.

John Quier, who died in England recently in his 85th year, spent fifty-five consecutive years of his life in prison, whether he was sent in 1843 for attempted murder. He was found to be mentally irresponsible, and was ordered to be confined during her Majesty's pleasure.

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## TOWN OF SUFFOLK

## Newport News and Suffolk Line Steamers.

He Wants Damages—Seaboard Improvements—Thirty Days for Bike Lifting—New Locomotive Balked—Personal Paragraphs.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., March 17.—The effort to have a line of steamers run between Newport News and Suffolk has been revived. The managers of Bennett's line have made the Newport News people a proposition and they want Suffolk to come in and do something to get the thing started. The establishment of connection between the two towns would result beneficially to both. A new market would be opened to Suffolk merchants, lumber manufacturers and to the country farmers.

Mr. C. D. West, a member of the committee appointed by the Newport News Business Men's Association, has written his brother, Councilman J. E. West, as follows:

"At a meeting of the Business Men's Association Monday night, Colonel E. W. Huffman, W. G. Burgess and myself were appointed as a committee to investigate further the feasibility of establishing the steamboat line between Suffolk and this city. Bennett's Line has made an offer to try the experiment for three months, provided we can guarantee them \$15 per diem for three months as part payment on their expenses, or rather, I should say, guarantee their expenses of \$15 per diem. The matter has been under consideration here for some time, and the people want it, believing that in establishing this line great benefit will be derived both by this city and Suffolk. It will give you all another market for your truck, and give larger traffic for your local lumber dealers and a direct route for the passenger traffic between here and your town. We are now going over the city and getting an estimate from the various merchants here as to what produce, meats, eggs, etc., they handle, and when we shall have recapitulated the items we shall then confer in person with Bennett and over and see your people. The committee has suggested that Huffman and myself write you all and get the thing agitated among your town people and also the lower Nansmond truckers, and when we come over, which will be about next Wednesday, you can then be in position to make some suggestions. Our idea is to get you all to guarantee so much of this expense, and we will assume the rest. After talking with the various merchants here about the matter, I have really become rather enthusiastic over the proposition, and believe that it would be of great good to us all. You have no idea as to what amount of things you raise and have for sale is consumed here."

"It would be a big thing for the people of your county and town. Huffman is writing to several, and I wish you would have it agitated through the newspapers and see what results we can get. We are not coming over 'half-cocked,' but will have all the data you all need to enable you to give the matter intelligent consideration."

## WANTS TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED.

Job Holland wants damages for injuries received in a difficulty with W. B. Pruden last winter. As told in the Virginian-Pilot at the time, Pruden and Holland had trouble over the fence question. Pruden struck Holland on the head with a gun. Both are farmers living near Chuckatuck.

Now Holland has filed a memorandum in which he announces the institution of a suit for damages. The amount asked for is \$2,500.

## SEABOARD IMPROVEMENTS.

The Seaboard Air Line, which already has one of the prettiest depots in

town, is making some new spring improvements about the yard that will add much to its convenience and beauty. The warehouse, which is 100x25 feet, was to-day moved thirteen feet further south to make room for an extra side track. The work was done under the direction of Superintendent T. W. Whisman, of Portsmouth, and Chief Roadmaster J. T. Elmore, of North Carolina. It took just one hour and fifty minutes to do. The safety gates on the south side will be moved further up town so as to enclose all the tracks.

## THIRTY DAYS FOR BIKE LIFTING.

Leroy Smith gets back thirty days. That much time will be passed as a guest of Deputy Robert E. Norris, in Nansmond county jail. Smith was a bicycle thief. He was charged with appropriating D. E. Pitt's bicycle at Chuckatuck, September 20. He got away with it and was not caught for several months. Justice C. F. Pinner conducted the hearing to-day in the county Courthouse. The theft was proven conclusively.

## NEW LOCOMOTIVE BALKED.

Mr. Isaac Thomas Wilson, a lumber dealer, bought a new locomotive a short while ago. It was a small one made to walk on wood rails. This afternoon it was shifted from a Norfolk and Western flat car to the Suffolk and Carolina tracks. It was intended to carry it south under its own steam. Steam was made, but the locomotive refused to start itself at first. After a while it moved away slowly. Word came to-night that the new engine had gotten a mile out and refused to move another step. A Suffolk and Carolina engine was sent to lead it back.

## TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Messrs. L. W. Jordan, R. S. Boykin and John M. Shepherd have been appointed a committee on Entertainment to get up a benefit show and feast for the Fourth of July. The committee consists of Messrs. L. W. Jordan, R. S. Boykin and John M. Shepherd, who want funds to aid the Confederate reunion in Charleston next May.

Majority candidates have begun to get a hustle on young voters. There had been nine new ones registered up to to-night.

Farmers in Nansmond and nearby counties are rather backward in spring operations. The late abundant rains have hindered work materially.

A bargain and sale deed put on record in the county clerk's office to-day transfers 75 acres in Holy Neck district from Eugene O. Winborne and Sarah, his wife, to Maria O. Holland, consideration, \$200.

Mrs. E. J. Beale and Miss Ella Beale left to-night for a visit to relatives in Waverly, Va.

Mr. E. F. Mercally, of Charlotte, N. C., arrived in Suffolk to-day for a short stay with friends.

Max Gust, of Richmond, registered at the Commercial to-day.

Messrs. Frank T. Jones and Claude C. Cohoon returned to-day from Baltimore.

Ell Guess was released from the county jail to-day. He had just done twenty-five days for carrying concealed weapons.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eley expect to soon move their residence to Mr. Eley's headquarters in Baltimore. Read his notice of furniture for sale at a sacrifice.

Mr. E. N. Vanderwick, of New York, arrived in Suffolk to-day for a brief stay.

Hurricane Branch is ill at his home in the county.

Colonel Tom Anderson, formerly of the Seaboard Air Line, called on a number of his Suffolk friends to-day.

Mr. Patrick H. Hayes left to-day for Sunbury, N. C., to attend a party.

Mr. W. W. McCutcheon, relief agent on the Seaboard Air Line, was in Suffolk to-day for a social visit. He left at night for his South Carolina home.

Since trying to relieve his life lines by an ounce of laudanum, John Hall, at Chuckatuck, hasn't taken kindly to being frustrated by a stomach pump. He tried to secure a gun to do the job right.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholson and daughter, of Norfolk, arrived this afternoon to be guests of Councilman E. L. Saunders' family.

## [Communicated.]

## POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Suffolk, Va., March 17, 1899, Editor Virginian-Pilot:

Since the foundation of this government the people have divided themselves into opposing political factions, influenced in their party affiliations by their opinions upon political, economic questions, such as the tariff, finance, internal improvements, etc. Upon such foundations were erected the superstructure of the four great political parties. The Federalist, the Whig, the Democratic and Republican have each in their turn dominated the affairs of this great republic. The latter party for twenty-four years held undisputed sway, but long entrenched in power it became autocratic and corrupt, and was summarily dismissed from office, sharing the same fate as its predecessor and for similar causes.

In 1881 the Democratic party, under the leadership of Grover Cleveland, was again entrusted with the responsibilities of office, not because any great number of the people had changed what we are pleased to call their politics, but because that spectre upon the political sky, known as the Independent voter, had broken the chain that bound him and, asserting his liberty as a freeman, cast his ballot with the approval of his conscience and his judgment. This same lesson was repeated in the last Presidential election, for it is not disputed that thousands of Democratic voters turned the scales in favor of Mr. McKinley.

The thoughtful student will easily learn from such recent exhibitions of the popular will the trend of public

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sentiment. Political leaders must no longer consider and the people blindly follow. The star chamber processes of political rings and courthouse cliques must be remembered only as a past art. An American statesman has declared that a "public office is a public trust," and the people must have privilege of selecting the men who are to be entrusted with responsible duties. Representation must accompany taxation. The tax-payer who contributes to the support of the government must have a voice in selecting the agents of the popular will. The party in power in this prosperous town of Suffolk is responsible for a liberal and conservative construction of the popular will. We earnestly believe that the political and social environments of this town are such that no unworthy or objectionable person could be elevated to public office against the will of its representative citizens.

As I understand the situation, there is not now nor will be a candidacy of the Republican party for municipal office. But the independent voter and the Republicans, if you please, desire to express a choice between Democratic aspirants. In this article we are not just now concerned about national or State affairs. Our present purpose is to direct the attention of the city officials who control this matter to a fair and just consideration of what has been herein set forth. Gentlemen, we invite your attention to talks upon the street, in the shops, in business houses—everywhere taxation and representation, yoke fellows in the cause of liberty and free government. This noble and manly sentiment, having its origin in a little Boston harbor, found its fullest and grandest expression in the declaration penned by the immortal Jefferson: "And when the Stars Spangled Banner, the emblem of our country, is spread to the breezes, whether its flag staff rests upon the soil that cradled its infancy, or in the far-off islands of the sea, it proclaims from its simple folds the noblest sentiment that can inspire the human heart—liberty and independence, one and inseparable."

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